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1. It is planned to construct a new railroad line between Loewenberg (N 53/Z 69) and Eberswalde (N 53/V 08) to improve east-west traffic facilities. This was learned on 14 August 1950 from informants who [redacted] with the projected line. It is planned to connect the new line with the two branches of the Niederbarnim railroad line to Gr. Schoonbeek and Liebenwalde and to use the Eberswalde-Finowfurt (N 53/Z 98) line for part of its route. The new line would be about 40 km long.

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- * [redacted] Comment. For proposed railroad line see attached sketch.
- ** [redacted] Comment. The Loewenberg-Eberswalde railroad line, the construction of which appears to have been decided, will create a new east-west connection north of Berlin which would be of both economic and military importance. This direct connection from the Auestern (O 53/V 66) and Frankfurt/Oder (O 53/V 63) border crossing points to the west without touching the railroad bottleneck of Berlin would be particularly valuable to the Soviets. The new line would have a natural continuation westward from Loewenberg via Neuruppin (N 53/Z 19), Neustadt (N 53/Z 18 and Wittenberge (N 53/Y 69) to Hamburg (L 54/S 55). The Neuruppin-Neustadt section of this line is being improved to accommodate heavy-load trains.
- 25X1A [redacted] It is not known whether the required rails will be available for this project, since to date rails have been one of the most critical items with the Soviet Zone State Railways.

1 Annex: 1 - sketch on ditto.

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